

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-86. (Cancelled)

Claim 87 (New): An image forming apparatus configured to serve as a document destination apparatus for receiving and printing first image data or a first document stored in an other image forming apparatus, and the image forming apparatus further configured to serve as a document source apparatus for transmitting second image data or a second document stored therein to the other image forming apparatus, the image forming apparatus comprising:

a communication unit configured to communicate with the other image forming apparatus connected via a network;

a document storage unit configured to store the second image data or the second document;

a printing unit configured to print the first image data or the first document received from the other image forming apparatus via the communication unit; and

a document management unit configured to, when the image forming apparatus is serving as the document destination apparatus, transmit a print request to the other image forming apparatus, for receiving the first image data or the first document stored in the other image forming apparatus, and to print the received first image data or the first document by the print unit, and the document management unit being further configured to, when the image forming apparatus is serving as the document source apparatus, transmit the second image data or the second document in response to receipt of a print request from the other

image forming apparatus, for printing the second image data or the second document stored in the image forming apparatus, by a printing unit of the other image forming apparatus.

Claim 88 (New): The image forming apparatus according to Claim 87, wherein the network is one of a wired LAN and a wireless LAN.

Claim 89 (New): The image forming apparatus according to Claim 87, wherein the printing unit of the image forming apparatus is configured to print out the first image data or the first document onto at least one sheet, and the printing unit of the other image forming apparatus is configured to print out the second image data or the second document onto at least one sheet.

Claim 90 (New): The image forming apparatus according to Claim 87, wherein the document management unit is further configured to, when the image forming apparatus is serving as the document source apparatus, transmit to the other image forming apparatus a list of the second image data or the second document stored in the document storage unit in response to a list request from the other image forming apparatus, and to transmit to the other image forming apparatus thumbnail data of the second image data or the second document in response to a thumbnail request from the other image forming apparatus.

Claim 91 (New): The image forming apparatus according to Claim 87, wherein the document management unit is further configured to, when the image forming apparatus is serving as the document destination apparatus, transmit to the other image forming apparatus a request for a list of the first image data or the first document stored in the other image

forming apparatus and to receive the list of the first image data or the first document from the other image forming apparatus.

Claim 92 (New): The image forming apparatus according to Claim 91, wherein the document management unit is further configured to, when the image forming apparatus is serving as the document destination apparatus, transmit to the other image forming apparatus a request for thumbnail data of the first image data or the first document and to receive the thumbnail data of the first image data or the first document from the other image forming apparatus.

Claim 93 (New): The image forming apparatus according to Claim 92, further comprising:

a display unit configured to display the received list of the first image data or the first document stored in the other image forming apparatus and the received thumbnail data of the first image data or the first document stored in the other image forming apparatus.

Claim 94 (New): The image forming apparatus according to Claim 93, wherein the display unit includes a user interface for a user to select a desired object from the first image data, first document, second image data, and second document, and to indicate whether the desired object is to be print out by the printing unit of the image forming apparatus or the printing unit of the other image forming apparatus.

Claim 95 (New): An image forming method, implemented on an image forming apparatus configured to serve as a document destination apparatus for receiving and printing first image data or a first document stored in an other image forming apparatus, and the

image forming apparatus being further configured to serve as a document source apparatus for transmitting second image data or a second document stored therein to the other image forming apparatus, the method comprising:

communicating, via a communication unit, with the other image forming apparatus connected via a network;

storing, at a document storage unit, the second image data or the second document; transmitting, when the image forming apparatus is serving as the document destination apparatus, a print request to the other image forming apparatus for receiving the first image data or the first document stored in the other image forming apparatus;

printing, at a printing unit, the received first image data or the first document received from the other image forming apparatus via the communication unit; and

transmitting, when the image forming apparatus is serving as the document source apparatus, the second image data or the second document in response to receipt of a print request from the other image forming apparatus for printing the second image data or the second document stored in the image forming apparatus by a printing unit of the other image forming apparatus.